GOVERNMENTOF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – ACB (DA) Cases – Sri P.Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (SC), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District – Failure to obtain prior permission for acquiring certain movable/immovable properties, non-submission of APRs etc. - Disciplary Proceedings issued under A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Imposition of the penalty of "Reduction in the time scale of pay by three stages with effect on future increments and pension", under rule 9 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991– Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.30 **Dated: 14/03/2024**

Read the following

1. Letter No.Estt. (2) 1191/09, dt.09.01.2010 of the Joint Director of Agriculture, Visakhapatnam.
2. Final Report from the Director General, ACB, Hyderabad, No. 07/RCAWVP/2010-S11, dt.23.05.2011.
3. G.O.Ms.No.172, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt. 12.07.2011.
4. G.O.Ms.No.173, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt. 12.07.2011.
5. G.O.Rt.No.1062, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.20.09.2011.
6. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr. No. Vig.II (5) 33/2010, dt.05.12.2011.
7. G.O. Rt. No.848, A&C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.31.07.2012.
8. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr. No. Vig.II (5) 33/2010, dt.01.01.2019.
9. Govt. Memo No. 638/Vig.I/1/2010-8, A&C(Vig.I) Dept., dt.27.05.2019.
10. From the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr. No. Vig.II (5) 33/2010, dt.18.09.2019.
11. From the Spl.Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Lr.No.Vig.II(5) 33/2010, dt.25.02.2020.
12. Govt. Lr. No. 638/Vig.I/2020, A & C (Vig.I) Dept., dt.06.11.2023.
13. From the Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada, Lr.No. Lr.No.GAD03-APPS0DCC/113/2023-DC.SEC-APPSC, dt.07.03.2024.

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In the reference 1st read above, the Joint Director of Agriculture, Visakhapatnam, has informed that the Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam has sent Radio Message to their Office stating that Sri P. Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Asst. Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District, is arrested and sent to judicial custody on 08.01.2010, for possessing disproportionate assets to the known sources of income and hence he is placed under suspension from service w.e.f. 09.01.2010 F.N.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Director General, ACB, A.P., Hyderabad, has submitted final report dt.23.05.2011, regarding properties/assets acquired disproportionately to the known sources of income by Sri P. Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Asst. Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhpatnam District and recommended for his prosecution in a Court of Law, under Section13 (2) read with 13(1) (e) of the P.C. Act,1988 and also for Departmental action for violation of Rule 9(1) & 9(7)of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

3. Accordingly, in the reference 3rd read above, the Government have sanctioned prosecution against Sri P. Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Asst. Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District and also authorized the Inspector of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam for attachment of properties of the Accused Officer worth Rs.59,76,342/-, in the reference 4th read above.

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4. As part of departmental action for his failure to obtain prior permission for acquiring certain movable/immovable properties, non-submission of APRs etc., the Government have issued Articles of Charge, under A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, against Sri P. Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Asst. Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District, in the reference 5th read above, through the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad, with a direction to submit his Written Statement of Defense (WSD) within (10) days of the receipt of the Memo., specifically admitting or denying each Articles of Charge.

5. In the reference 6th read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Hyderabad, has forwarded the Written Statement of Defence(WSD) of the Charged Officer, Sri P. Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Asst. Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District in which he has denied the Charges and requested to drop further action.

6. Accordingly, the Government have appointed the Joint Director of Agriculture, Visakhapatnam, as Inquiring Authority to inquire into the Charges framed against the Charged Officer Sri P. Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Asst. Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District and also appointed the Asst. Director of Agriculture (Trg.), O/o Joint Director of Agriculture, Visakhapatnam, as Presenting Officer, in the reference 7th read above, to present the case before the Inquiring Authority.

7. In the reference 8th read above, the Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has forwarded the Inquiry Report dt.23.11.2018 of the Joint Director of Agriculture (FAC), Visakhapatnam, in which he has stated that the Charges framed against the Charged Officer Sri P. Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Asst. Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District are held proved.

8. In the reference 9th read above, the Government have communicated a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer Sri P. Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Asst. Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District, through the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, with a direction to submit his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiring Authority.

9. In the reference 10th read above, the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has submitted the dated acknowledgement and representation submitted by the Charged Officer Sri P. Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Asst. Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), RVP, Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District, in which he has denied finding of the Inquiring Authority and in the reference 11th read above, he has proposed to impose any one of the punishments under Rule-9 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991, on the Charged Officer.

10. The Government, in consultation with the Advisory Department, has taken a decision to impose the penalty of "Reduction in the time scale of pay by three stages with effect on future increments and pension", under rule 9 of A.P. Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, against the Charged Officer, Sri P.Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District and requested the Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada, in the reference 12th read above, to place the said proposal before the Commission and obtain its concurrence and communicate the same to the Government.

11. In the reference 13th read above, the Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada, has informed that the Commission has agreed with the proposal of the Government to impose the penalty of "Reduction in the time scale of pay by three stages with effect on future increments and pension", under rule 9 of A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, against Sri P.Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District and advised accordingly.

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12. The Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby, impose the the penalty of "Reduction in the time scale of pay by three stages with effect on future increments and pension", under rule 9 of A.P.Civil Services (CCA) Rules, 1991, against Sri P.Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District and presently working as Agricultural Extension Officer, Paravada Mandal, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture®, Anakapalli, Anakapalli District, for the Charges framed against him are held proved.

13. The Spl. Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
CHIEF COMMISSIONER, RBKs &
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

Sri P.Sanjeeva Rao, the then Agricultural Extension Officer, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture (Soil Conservation), Arakuvalley, Visakhapatnam District and presently working as Agricultural Extension Officer, Paravada Mandal, O/o Assistant Director of Agriculture®, Anakapalli, Anakapalli District.
(through the Spl.Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur)
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.

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The P.S. to Minister of Agriculture, A.P.
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